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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re application of

Donald W. Allen et al

Serial No. 09/625,893

Filed: July 26, 2000

SMOOTH SLEEVES FOR DRAG AND VIV  
REDUCTION OF CYLINDRICAL STRUCTURES

Group Art Unit: 3673

Examiner: K. Mitchell

August 27, 2002

RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION MAILED MARCH 20, 2002

Hon. Commissioner of Patents  
Washington, D.C. 20231

Dear Sir:

Attorney for Applicants in the above-captioned application hereby responds to the Office Action mailed March 20, 2002. At that time claims 1 – 6 were pending. Attorney is concurrently submitting a petition for a three month extension of time in which to respond to the Office Action.

AMENDMENTS

The following amendments are being submitted in the "clean" form as required under the Rules. Redlined copies of the amendments are attached as Appendix A hereto.

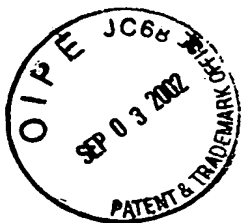
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In the Specification

Please amend the paragraph beginning at Page 8, line 7 to read as follows:

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Shell Oil Company



One Shell Plaza  
P.O. Box 2463  
Houston TX 77252-2463

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ASSISTANT COMMISSIONER FOR PATENTS  
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Sir:

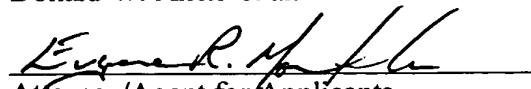
Enclosed is an amendment in the above-identified application.

- ☐ 4 No additional fee is required.
- ☒ 5 The required additional fee is calculated below.

CLAIMS AS AMENDED						
(1)	Claims Remaining After Amendment (2)	(3)	Highest No. Previously Paid For (4)	Present Extra (5)	Rate (6)	Additional Fee (7)
Total Claims	6	Minus	=20	3 X	\$ 18.00	= \$ 00.00
Indep. Claims	6	Minus	= 3	3 X	\$ 84.00	= 252.00
Multiple Dep. Claims		*****	*****	*****	\$280.00	= \$000.00
Total Additional Fee for this Amendment						\$252.00

Please charge \$252.00 and any additional fees, or credit overpayment, to Deposit Account No. 19-1800.  
A duplicate copy of this sheet is enclosed.

Respectfully submitted,  
Donald W. Allen et al.

  
Attorney/Agent for Applicants  
Registration No. 32,790